

APPENDIX E - CONSULTATION SUMMARY SHEET FOR PROGRAMMATIC ASSESSMENT

Instructions

For all projects and actions reviewed and analyzed using the wildlife screen process, the consultation summary sheets in Appendix E of the biological assessment must be filled out by Project Biologists and submitted to Forest Biologists for review and submission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service semi-annually for review. Also, the Level 1 team will annually select a number of projects at random and review the use of the screens and documentation.

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Administrative Unit: <u>Nez Perce-Clearwater NF – North Fork Ranger District</u>					
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Date: <u>6/18/2019</u>					
Project Name and Description	Species	Effects of Action	Cumulative Effects (ESA)	How Does the Project Meet Screening Criteria?	Determination of Effects
Black Skull Rx Burn The Black Skull project would reintroduce fire into this fire adapted ecosystem. The treatments are designed to encourage early seral vegetative growth, reduce hazardous	Grizzly Bear	The USFWS does not consider grizzly bear likely to be present on the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF therefore there will be no effects of project related activities on grizzly bear.	N/A	N/A	NE

<p>fuel buildup associated with the insect and disease outbreaks, minimize fuel loadings, reduce fuel continuity and reduce the potential for fire to spread onto the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.</p> <p>Under this proposal, prescribed fire will be applied in 19 units (project area; total 69,891 acres) with 22,312 acres (32% of the project area) identified as ignition areas. Fire would be applied to pre-identified areas; once this fire is established, it would be allowed to move and spread until a significant weather event occurs. It is expected that fire will remain active and continue to burn within the project area for up to a month or more. The creation of openings consistent with what has resulted from past resource benefit fires previously known as Wildland Fire Use fires on the North Fork District is anticipated and desired.</p> <p>It is important to note that our goal is to</p>	<p>Canada Lynx</p>	<p>Project overlaps with several LAUs however only a single ignition area (109 acres) involves approximately 72.5 acres of modeled lynx habitat (general foraging habitat). These clones are represented by lodgepole pine, grand fir, and mountain hemlock which fall within areas of deep persistent snow that do not provide winter snowshoe habitat. Approximately 1.1% of the lynx habitat within the LAU is currently in stand initiation structural stage while 0% of the LAU has been regen. harvested in the last 10 years. The project does not propose PCT. Ignition area does not include any multi-story habitat. The project meets all VEG and LINK objectives, standards, and guidelines.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The Biological Screening Criteria under Table B1 includes Vegetation Management Activities as long as Vegetation management is NOT in stand initiation hare habitat or in multi-storied hare habitat (stem exclusion or other) and NRLMD standards and guidelines are met within the respective LAU.</p>	<p>NLAA</p>
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<p>mimic natural fire, thus using low to moderate fire intensities to create a mosaic pattern on the landscape. None of the units will be ignited entirely and none of the units are expected to burn in their entirety. We anticipate 40% to 60% of any unit to burn. For example, ignitions are not targeting areas of young forest or older forest, nor are these areas expected to burn to any great extent. The mixed severity burns are expected to consume ground fuels and ladder fuels. Tree mortality within treated areas is expected to range between 30-50%, resulting in a mosaic of burned and unburned areas. The natural reestablishment of tree seedlings is expected in most treated areas.</p>	<p>Canada Lynx Critical Habitat</p>	<p>The USFWS has not designated any Critical Lynx Habitat within the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF boundary therefore there will be no effects of project related activities on Canada lynx critical habitat.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>NE</p>
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